

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary (political smear) days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

I have contacted Sinclair Broadcasting Group and informed them of my concern with their planned political (news?) action and intend to boycott advertisers. Sinclair's announced actions appear intended to increase the divide in America during these stressful times.

Sinclair has a license to use the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy. Instead of something produced at "News Central" far away, it's more important that we see people close to our own communities (WGGB, ABC 40) and more substantive news about issues that matter.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Sincerely.